



Navy Environmental Health Officers

Navy Environmental Health Center

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Greetings Shipmates,

I hope all of you have had a good start to the New Year and were able to sneak in a few days of R&R during the holidays. I had every intention of getting this next edition of the newsletter out before the year ended but that was not to be. Anyway, that's enough whining from me and let's get on with the EHO "news"!

NEHC XO Selected:

CAPT Diana Novak has been selected to relieve CAPT Jim Need as the next Executive Officer at the Navy Environmental Health Center. CAPT Need will be retiring in June after a highly successful career as a Medical Service Corps officer and Navy Entomologist. CAPT Novak, who is currently serving as the OIC of NEPMU-2, Norfolk, will be taking over from CAPT Need in the late summer timeframe. Congratulations CAPT Novak from the entire EHO community!

Supplemental DUINS Selection for FY 03:

Congratulations go out to LT Daron Patton for stepping up to the plate to get his application fast tracked through the approval process for this year's supplemental training opportunity. His selection is

well deserved! He will return to the community in 2005 with his MPH from Eastern Kentucky University.

Selection Zone:

Hopefully most of you have seen AL-NAV 100/02 that announces the zones for FY 04 selection boards. By my head count we have seven LTs, two LCDRs, and three CDRs who are in the primary zone for consideration for promotion. Please be sure to review and update your Officer Summary Record (which can be viewed on-line) and Microfiche (has to be ordered). Your service record photo needs to be in your current grade, i.e. any date after your date of rank for your current grade. Please check the MSC Homepage for the message and the updated lineal listing of all MSC Officers. The web page is <https://bumed.med.navy.mil/med00msc>.

PCS Moves for FY 04:

We have a lot of officers due to PCS in FY 04 and I am already starting to field calls. I am just now starting to preview the slate and am not making any commitments at this point. I certainly will want to work with each of you individually to work out the best possible

move for you, your career, and for Navy Medicine. Basically what that means is that the detailee and I will be working together to make sure we match the desires of the individual, their specific career needs as well as the demands of the billet as we lay out the moves. And please keep in mind that there are times when the needs of Navy override anything that we plan and we have to take an assignment to meet that need. Certainly this is not the norm but in today's world it is a reality we have to deal with!

(Please see page 6 for list of Billets Rotating in 2004)

- Congratulations to CAPT Diane Novak, NEHC EO selected.
- Congratulations to LT Daron Patton on his DUINS selection.
- Congratulations to the FY 03 Environmental Health Officers selected for promotion to LT.
- Congratulations to the first EHO candidates selected through the IPP program.



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FY 03 Selections to LT:



I wanted to pass on my congratulations to the following officers who were recently selected for promotion to LT:

LT(s) Azar	LT(s) MacGregor	LT(s) Roberts	LT(s) Tran	LT(s) Wetlesen
LT(s) Hoffman	LT(s) Martinez	LT(s) Schutt	LT Veenhuis	

IPP Selections:

Congratulations also go out to HMCS Hicke at NEPMU-2 and HM2 Wright at NEPMU-5 who were recently selected for full-time out service training through the In-service Procurement Program. Both Senior Chief Hicke and Petty Officer Wright should be finishing their respective education programs at ODU and SDSU and will be joining the ranks of the EHO community in FY 05. This is the first year that the IPP program was opened to select EHO candidates.

*U.S. Navy
Lieutenant
Junior Grade
Rank and Rate*

Abbreviation - LTJG

Collar



Rank - Lieutenant Junior Grade

Sleeve



Pay Grade - 02

Shoulder



KEVIN S. BAILEY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS, USNR LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE

LTJG Kevin Bailey was born in Germany in March of 1971. He graduated from North Hardin High School located in Radcliff, Kentucky in 1989. He then attended Auburn University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science.

LTJG Bailey was employed by Cape Environmental Management in Atlanta, Georgia serving in dual capacities as an industrial hygienist and an environmental scientist. In 2002, he commenced graduate studies at Illinois State University where he received a Master of Science in Environmental Health and Safety. During his graduate studies LTJG Bailey was employed as an Environmental Health and Safety Specialist with General Electric.

LTJG Bailey was enlisted in the US Army Reserve and National Guard from 1988 until 1997. In July 1997 he was commissioned as a Sec-

ond Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps. He served as an Environmental Science Officer/Executive Officer assigned to a field Preventive Medicine Detachment. He served as Interim Detachment Commander during his unit's rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center Light Infantry Exercise at Fort Polk, Louisiana. In addition, he coordinated all unit supply and logistics for his unit's deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In July 2002, LTJG Bailey received a commission from the United States Navy as a Medical Service Corps Officer. Upon commissioning, he attended Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, Rhode Island and the Environmental Health Officer Indoctrination Course at the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit No. Five in San Diego, California. Upon completion LTJG Bailey was assigned as the Envi-

ronmental Health Officer at the Branch Medical Clinic, Naval Air Facility Key West, Florida.

LTJG Bailey's personal awards include the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster. His wife Sara, the former Sara Elizabeth Smith of Scottsboro, Alabama is also a graduate of Auburn University. Sara also has a Masters in Business Administration from Illinois State University.

Miscellaneous Information:

- Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) recognized by the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management.
- Developed project to reduce industrial wastewater usage and discharge by fifty percent while working at General Electric
- Hobbies include: travel, golf, camping, canoeing, and watching Auburn Football games.

LORI A. CHRISTENSEN, MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS, USNR, LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE

LTJG Lori Christensen was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, but claims Athens, Georgia as home. She attended Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina as a pre-med major and graduated with a BA in Spanish in 1988. While at Furman, she was offered a scholarship in the Army R.O.T.C. program and graduated as the Distinguished Military Graduate. She received a Regular Army commission into the Army Medical Service Corps and entered into active duty service October 1988.

LTJG Christensen's first assignment with the Army was as an ambulance platoon leader in a forward support battalion at Fort Riley, Kansas. From there, she moved to the 16th M.A.S.H. and participated in preparations for Desert Shield/Storm. Following Desert Storm, she attended the Army Medical Department Officer's Advanced Course and C-4 in San Antonio, Texas and took an assignment with the 2D Infantry Division at Camp Casey, South Korea.

Following an assignment as an instructor at the U. S. Army Medical Department Center & School in San Antonio, Texas, LTJG Christensen moved to Atlanta, Georgia. She left Active Duty service in April 1996 and volunteered as an athletic trainer during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. She then worked as a Professional Healthcare Representative ("drug rep") for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals for two years.

LTJG Christensen went to graduate school at Emory University, graduating with an MPH in May 2001. She then spent a year working for Samaritan's Purse, an International Christian Relief Organization run by Franklin Graham.

LTJG Christensen joined the Navy Healthcare team as an EHO in July 2002. She is happy to be back in the military and in spite of ribbing from her Army pals, is enjoying the switch to the Navy. She enjoys working out, competing in triathlons, golfing, hiking and traveling. Her favorite possession is her golden retriever, Samson.

LTJG Comeau was born in Lynn, Massachusetts in August of 1963. He graduated from Lynn English High School in 1981 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

LTJG Comeau has held a number of Environmental Health and Safety positions in the civilian sector, most recently as an Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator with Lockheed Martin Space Operations in Seabrook, Maryland. In March of 2002, he completed graduate studies at the University of Denver where he received a Masters Degree in Environmental Policy and Management and a

Graduate Certificate in Environmental Health and Safety Management. LTJG Comeau has also held a wide variety of Environmental Health and Safety positions with Sweetheart Cup Company, Ametek Aerospace and General Electric.

LTJG Comeau was enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1997 until 1998. In April of 1998, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve Medical Service Corps, where he served as an Environmental Science Officer with the 450th Civil Affairs Battalion (ABN) in Riverdale MD. He served as the Public Health Team Executive Officer while his unit was attached to the 82nd

Airborne Division during Operation Purple Dragon held at FT. Bragg, NC and Camp Lejeune, NC in June of 2000.

In August of 2002, LTJG Comeau resigned his Army Reserve commission and accepted a commission from the U.S. Navy as a Medical Service Corps Officer. Upon commissioning, he attended Officer Indoctrination School in Newport Rhode Island graduating with the Student Leadership Award. He also attended the Environmental Health Officer Indoctrination Class at the Navy Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit No. 5 in San Diego, California. Upon completion LTJG Comeau was assigned

as an Environmental Health Officer at the Naval Hospital in Okinawa. LTJG Comeau's personal awards include the Army Achievement Medal. He is married to the former Teresa Marie Murphy of Baltimore, Maryland. They have a son, Ryan.

Miscellaneous Information:

- Awarded the United States Military Basic Parachute Badge.
- Elected to Maryland Safety Council Board of Directors, 1997-1998.
- Selected to participate on Lockheed Martin Corporate Environmental Health and Safety Audit Teams, 1998-2002.

Hobbies include:

Spending time with family, sports, music, and following all Boston based sports teams.



BRIAN LONG, MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS, USN, LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE

LTJG Long was born in Russellville Arkansas 30 May 1977. He graduated from Joshua High School, Joshua Texas in 1995, after which he attended the University of North Texas where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1999. Upon graduation he commenced graduate studies at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth where he received a Master of Public Health Degree in 2002. He

was accepted into the HSCP scholarship program for commissioning as an EHO. In May 2002 he received his commission in the Medical Service Corps.

LTJG Long first duty assignment was Naval Hospital Charleston, South Carolina, beginning August 2002. His personal awards include National Defense Service Medal.

LTJG is married to Sherry Ann Long, formally Sherry Ann Franks of Joshua Texas. He and his wife have a five-year-old son, David and a one-year-old son, Jonathan.

Miscellaneous Information:

Hobbies include: golf, furniture restoration, bowling, running, fishing, snow and water skiing and actively involved in local church.



LISA A. WOHLFORD, MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS, USNR, LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE

LTJG Wohlford was born in Midland, Michigan in February, 1973. She graduated from Midland High School in 1991. She then attended the University of Miami for two years where she decided to change majors and transferred to the University of Georgia. It is here that she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Genetics in 1995. She remained in Georgia the following year working as a research assistant and decided that it was time to find a way to fund graduate school. She enlisted in the

Navy as a Hospital Corpsman in February 1997 as an HN (long and interesting story).

Her first active duty assignment was at Portsmouth Naval Hospital where she was a Corpsman on the Orthopedic/Neurology ward for 18 months. She was then transferred to Military Personnel where she was the enlisted transfer clerk. While she was at MILPERS she picked up Third Class and worked with three wonderful officers, CAPT Thompson, LCDR David Collins, and LT Glenn

Diehl, who made it their mission to see her commissioned. She submitted her package for the HSCP program with their guidance and was selected in June of 2000. She then attended Old Dominion University where she graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Community Health with an emphasis in Environmental Health in May of 2002. She received her commission in the Medical Service Corps as a Lieutenant Junior Grade on May 11, 2002.

LTJG Wohlford's first duty station as an Environmental

Health Officer is Naval Hospital Sigonella. She transferred there with her husband, David R. Wohlford, their daughter Alexandra Madison, and their two dogs, Timber and Geronimo. Her personal awards include the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Medal, and the Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon.

Miscellaneous Information:

Hobbies include: skiing, snowboarding, sailing, running and working out daily.



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PCS Moves for FY 04:

Command	Location	State	PRD
USNH Yokosuka	FPO Japan	AP	0401
NAMRU 2		MD	0401
USNH Keflavik	FPO Iceland	AE	0401
NAVHOSP PREVMED	FPO GITMO	AE	0401
NSA Bahrain MED Dept	FPO Bahrain	AE	0402
NAS Pensacola Branch Clinic	Pensacola	FL	0403
NAVMEDCEN Code 0432	Portsmouth	VA	0403
NEPMU 6	Pearl Harbor	HI	0403
USNH Roosevelt Roads	FPO Puerto Rica	AA	0404
COMUSNAVCENT CODE 014	FPO Bahrain	AE	0404
NAVENVIRHLTHCEN	Portsmouth	VA	0405
NAVSEASYSKOM	Washington Navy Yard	DC	0405
BRANCHMEDCLINIC	Annapolis	MD	0405
Naval Ambulatory Care Clinic	Groton	CT	0405
USNH Okinawa	FPO Japan	AP	0406
NEPMU 6	Pearl Harbor	HI	0406
NEPMU 5	San Diego	CA	0406
2nd MARDIV	Camp LeJeune	NC	0407
USNH Rota	FPO Spain	AE	0407
NEPMU 7	FPO Italy	AE	0407
1st MEDBN 1st FSSG	Camp Pendleton	CA	0407
NATNAVMEDCEN	Bethesda	MD	0407
NAVHOSP	Jacksonville	FL	0407
NAVHOSP	Beaufort	SC	0407
NAVHOSP (OH/PM)	Bremerton	WA	0408
NAVHOSP	Camp Pendleton	CA	0408
NAVMEDCEN	San Diego	CA	0408
SUPSHIP NSA Bldg 16	New Orleans	LA	0408
NAVMECLINIC	Quantico	VA	0408
BRANCHCLINIC NAS Lemoore	Lemoore	CA	0408
NAVHOSP (OH/PM)	Great Lakes	IL	0409
NAVHOSP PREVMED	Camp LeJeune	NC	0409
MSC MED Dept	Norfolk	VA	0409
NAVHOSP (OH/PM)	Oak Harbor	WA	0409
NEPMU 2 Naval Base	Norfolk	VA	0409
2nd MEDBN 2nd FSSG	Camp LeJeune	NC	0409
BRANCHCLINIC	Mayport	FL	0409
1st Marine Div (REIN) PREVMED	Camp Pendleton	CA	0410
NAVMECLINIC OCC HEALTH	Patuxent River	MD	0411
NAVHOSP	Camp Pedleton	CA	0411
NAVMEDCEN CODE 0432	Portsmouth	VA	0411
NAVHLTHRSCHCEN	San Diego	CA	0411
NAVENVIRHLTHCEN	Portsmouth	VA	0412
BRANCH CLINIC NAS	Pensacola	FL	0412

We're on the Web!
www.vaccines.army.mil/

Military Vaccine Website:

Hopefully most of you are aware of this new website (<http://www.vaccines.army.mil/>) that provides access to current immunization program information for the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Military Services. This is the best site for obtaining information on the DoD policy for the Smallpox Response Plan and vaccination program. You can view the various service policies, current clinical and administrative guidelines and you can download supporting educational materials. Since DoD immunization programs are built on the foundation of national standards of immunization practice, the site also provides links to other governmental and non-governmental sites dedicated to vaccines, immunization practices, and vaccine safety.



DUINS for FY 04:

I know there are a few of you who have indicated an interest in applying for DUINS for FY 04. I do not know what our quota will be but we should have several opportunities. I hope to have a couple of you applying for your Masters as well as someone starting their PhD.



Leadership Development:

In MSC Director's Sept 02 E-mail #6 RADM VanLandingham quoted from Dr. Thomas Dolan (current CEO for ACHE), a number of steps that should be taken by leadership to insure that we are building tomorrow's leaders today. I think these are worth highlighting again as I think they can serve as a template for the continuous growth and development for each of you as a Naval Officer within the EHO community.

- 1 - Develop growth opportunities within our organizations.
- 2 - Encourage individuals to become community leaders.
- 3 - Demand a commitment to lifelong learning.
- 4 - Require appropriate certifications.
- 5 - Take responsibility for mentoring.
- 6 - Require professional society and trade association involvement.
- 7 - Require a graduate degree.

It is my goal to work alongside the Navy Environmental Health Board to see that these objectives become a vital part of the foundation that drives our career development process.

PRESIDENT, UNIFORMED SERVICES AFFILIATE, NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION



Dear Colleagues,

26 Dec 2002

I am preparing for retirement, September 2003 and must transfer my remaining obligation as President, Uniformed Services Affiliate, National Environmental Health Association. I am therefore, seeking nominations from those of you who are NEHA members and Registered Environmental Health Specialists to relieve me for the period of June 2004 to June 2005.

The nomination packages will be reviewed and decided upon during the Uniformed Services annual business meeting concurrent with the NEHA, Annual Education Conference, June 8 - 11, 2003. If you are interested in the position, please email or send me a bio and a letter of intent, which I may present to the affiliate.

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Tuition Assistance:

I hope all of you got a chance to review NAVADMIN 349/02 which announced significant changes to the Tuition Assistance policy.



Effective 18 Oct 02 the Navy will pay 100% of tuition costs and required fees for course enrollments for up to 12 semester hours per year and tuition and fee charges of up to \$250 per semester hour. Here is the link to NAVADMINS if you need a copy to review the specifics, <http://www.bupers.navy.mil/navadmin/>.

CBRE Training On-line:

The Navy Environmental Health Center's Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Environmental (CBRE) Warfare Casualty Care Management Course is now available online. This is a self-paced course that is designed to prepare individuals in the medical management of casualties exposed to CBRE warfare agents. Course content includes an overview of the current and historical threats involving these potential weapons, clinical diagnosis, pre-treatment, treatment of clinical disease states produced by such weapons, education in personal protection, decontamination procedures, as well as patient triage and transfer protocols for casualties so affected. Course completion will enable trainees to provide triage of, and treatment for, such casualties to their level of core competency. Estimated course duration is 18 hours. This course may be accessed online at www.navylearning.com.

Focused Review at 00MSC:

LT Suraj and I had the opportunity to brief RADM VanLandingham, the Chief of the Medical Service Corps, on the status of the EHO Community on 19 Nov 2002 at BUMED. Every Specialty Leader is asked to brief the Admiral and his staff on current issues and challenges facing their community every three years. The EHO Community brief can be viewed on the MSC Homepage. The link to the brief is <https://bumed.med.navy.mil/med00msc/16Spotlight/Default.htm>.



Below is a summary of our community challenges, goals and unmet needs:

Challenges:

- Preparing junior officers for competitive promotions.
- Junior community (71% are 0-2/0-3), most already have advanced degree - need to keep them challenged.
- Retention: 50% loss rate for females over 5-year period.
- Isolated duty stations: 42% of community are the only EHO at their command; 24% of all EHOs are OCONUS.
- Specialty-specific masters for mid-grade officers (those commissioned prior to PA change in 1998).
- Many 1st tour EHOs assigned to mobilization (MAP) platforms.

Goals:

- Increase promotion rates to LCDR.
- Identify "just-in-time" community-specific training needs.
- Conduct community-focused review at NEHC Workshop in May 2003.
- Continue to partner with CNRC to recruit qualified EHOs.
- Increase retention among Junior Officers.
- Increase national board certification in Environmental Health to 85% within five years; currently 38% are board certified.
- Ensure MAP'd EHOs are getting platform specific training.

Unmet Needs:

- Additional CBRE trained Officers at NEPMUs.
- THCSRR model modified to address new Force Health Protection and Homeland Security missions.

In addition you can view the EHO Executive Summary at the following link, <https://bumed.med.navy.mil/med00msc/06SpecLdrs/FrontPgs/EnvironHlth.htm>. Thanks to all of you who provided input for this summary. I was limited for space so I apologize for not being able to utilize all of the great input you sent me. Our community should feel good about all the great things we are doing and the impact we are having on Navy Medicine. By the way, I will plan to present an updated version of the Community Brief at the NEHC Conference in May and will look forward to your comments and questions.

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